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 FOR : OPTICAL ELEMENT FIXING STRUCTURE,  
 : OPTICAL ELEMENT FIXING BODY,  
 : OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND OPTICAL  
 : ELEMENT HOLDER  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

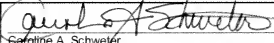
In response to the Office Action mailed 03/31/2008 setting forth a Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, for further prosecution of the subject application, Species I which is illustrated in Figure 1. Claims directed to the elected species include claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 17.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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